GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is party to 1979 United Nations Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women;

(b) if so, whether the United Nations Anti-Discrimination Committee has expressed its displeasure on inadequate information on the impact of the Gujarat riots on women;

(c) if so, whether the said committee has asked for follow up report with more details by January, 2008;

(d) if so, whether the representatives of the committee had a meeting with the representatives of Ministry of Women and Child Development recently;

(e) if so, the details of various issues discussed;

(f) the points made by the committee for action in regard to implementation of domestic violence act; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government on the points raised by the committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has expressed their disappointment in this regard.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee considered Government of India's Combined Second and Third Periodic Report on he implementation of the said convention at its meeting on 18.1.2007 in which a Government of India delegation headed by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development participated.

(e)&(f) The Concluding Comments of the Committee with regard to the Combined Second and Third Periodic Report which also include recommendations on implementation of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are uploaded i n the Ministry's Website (www.wcd.nic.in).

(g) The Concluding Comments have been forwarded to all concerned Ministry/Departments and State Governments for furnishing actionn taken reports. In this connection the committee has requested the Government of India to respond to concerns expressed in its Concluding Comments in the next periodic report and has invited submission of the fourth and fifth reports in a combined report in 2010.